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Opera Colorado Announces Chorus Auditions for Fall Production of Verdi's *La Traviata*

Denver (July 3, 2018) — Opera Colorado invites local singers to participate in upcoming chorus auditions for its 2018-2019 season production of Verdi's *La Traviata*. Rehearsals begin September 22, with performances of *La Traviata* running November 3-11 at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in the Denver Performing Arts Complex.

Chorus auditions will take place on Sunday, July 22, from 2-4 p.m. at the Opera Colorado Opera Center, located at 4121 S Navajo Street, Ste 100, in Englewood.

Opera Colorado will audition male and female voice types, with preference given to sopranos and baritones/basses. Singers should prepare two selections from art song, opera or musical theater repertoire to perform at the audition. Preferably, one selection should be in a foreign language. Repertoire should be memorized.

Singers selected for the chorus of Verdi's *La Traviata* will need to be available for weekday evening and weekend rehearsals, as indicated in the schedule below. Chorus members are compensated with a modest stipend and two complimentary tickets to the production's final dress rehearsal, and also receive an exclusive discount on performance tickets.

***La Traviata* Chorus | September 22 – November 11, 2018**

CHORUS AUDITION DETAILS

Date: Sunday, July 22, 2018

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Opera Colorado Opera Center, 4121 S Navajo Street, Ste 100, Englewood, CO 80110

HOW TO APPLY: For more information or to schedule an audition, please email auditions@operacolorado.org and include an updated resume with your audition request. Requests for auditions are on a first-come, first-served basis.

TENTATIVE CHORUS MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

(dates and times subject to change)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, September 22	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday, September 26	7-10 p.m.
Friday, September 28	7-10 p.m.
Saturday, September 29	10 am-1 p.m.
Monday, October 1	7-10 p.m.
Wednesday, October 3	7-10 p.m.
Friday, October 5	7-10 p.m.
Saturday, October 6	10 am-1 p.m., 2-5 p.m.
Monday, October 8	7-10 p.m.

In addition to the above dates, staging rehearsals begin Tuesday, October 9, with exact schedule to be announced. Performances of *La Traviata* are on the evenings of November 3, 6, and 9, with a matinee performance on November 11.

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ABOUT OPERA COLORADO

Opera Colorado has served as a cornerstone of Denver's cultural community since 1981. In addition to its mainstage performances at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House each season, the company affirms its commitment to the future of the art form by annually presenting new works; with its nationally recognized Artist in Residence Program that trains the next generation of opera performers; and by each year reaching more than 40,000 students and adults through its many education and community engagement programs throughout the Rocky Mountain region. The 2018-2019 season features Verdi's *La Traviata* (November 2018) and Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* (May 2019) at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, and a sold-out double-bill of the one-act operas *Afterlife* and *Josephine* by Tom Cipullo at the Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art (February/March 2019). For more information, visit www.operacolorado.org.